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1. GENERAL PURPOSE OF ITALIAN PRESIDENT'S QUICK TRIP TO EGYPT DEC 19 AND 20 WAS, ACCORDING TO ITALIAN EMBOFF, TO SPREAD GOODWILL AND INVITE SADAT TO PAY VISIT TO ITALY. ALTHOUGH NOT BILLED AS OFFICIAL VISIT, LEONE RECEIVED PROTOCOL ATTENTION WHICH WOULD NORMALLY APPLY TO STATE VISIT: RESIDENCE IN QUBBA PALACE; WELCOME AND FAREWELL AT AIRPORT BY SADAT (WHO USUALLY DELEGATES VICE PRESIDENT FOR AIRPORT CEREMONIES).

2. ACCORDING TO PRESS, ITALIAN AND EGYPTIAN DELEGATIONS, HEADED ON GOE SIDE BY PRIMIN HEGAZI AND ON GOI SIDE BY FONMIN RUMOR, HAD FORMAL MEETING WHICH CONCENTRATED ON "EXPLOSIVE" SITUATION IN ME AND BILATERAL RELATIONS. IT WAS DECIDED TO FORM JOINT COMMITTEE AT FOREIGN MINISTER LEVEL TO PROMOTE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, CULTURAL, AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION. FIRST MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR ROME IN FIRST HALF OF 1975.

3. SADAT'S MEETING WITH LEONE WAS, ACCORDING TO ITALIAN AMBASSADOR, CORDIAL AND USEFUL. SADAT EXPRESSED
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APPRECIATION ITALY'S ME POLICY.

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4. ITALIAN EMBASSY HERE BELIEVES VISIT, WHICH WAS CHIEFLY PROTOCOLAIRE IN NATURE, WAS CONSIDERABLE SUCCESS. ONLY PROTOCOL GAFFE OCCURRED WHEN ARRIVING ALITALIA PLANE BEARING PRESIDENTIAL PARTY SUDDENLY SPROUTED TWO FLAGS: ITALIAN FLAG AND EX-KING FAROUQ'S PERSONAL ENSIGN.
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